

The Honorable Ricardo S. Martinez

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

WASHINGTON STATE ASSOCIATION OF
HEAD START AND EARLY CHILDHOOD
ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATION
PROGRAM; ILLINOIS HEAD START
ASSOCIATION; PENNSYLVANIA HEAD
START ASSOCIATION; WISCONSIN HEAD
START ASSOCIATION; FAMILY
FORWARD OREGON; and PARENT
VOICES OAKLAND,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR., in his official
capacity as Secretary of Health and Human
Services; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES; ANDREW
GRADISON, in his official capacity as Acting
Assistant Secretary of the Administration for
Children and Families; ADMINISTRATION
FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES; OFFICE
OF HEAD START; and TALA HOOBAN, in
her official capacity as Acting Director of the
Office of Head Start,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:25-cv-00781-RSM

DECLARATION OF KRISTIN B.
JOHNSON

COMES NOW Kristin B. Johnson, being duly sworn, does hereby swear and affirm:

1. I am an Assistant United States Attorney assigned to handle the above-captioned matter.

2. Attached as Exhibit A is what I believe to be a true and correct copy of a press release issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on July 10, 2025, obtained by the United States Attorney's Office from HHS's website, at <https://www.hhs.gov/press-room/prwora-hhs-bans-illegal-aliens-accessing-taxpayer-funded-programs.html> (last accessed July 22, 2025).

3. Attached as Exhibit B is what I believe to be a true and correct copy of HHS's notice establishing its revised policy on the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), submitted for publication in the Federal Register and its 30-day comment period, obtained by the United States Attorney's Office from HHS's website, at <http://hhs.gov/sites/default/files/prwora-notice.pdf> (last accessed July 22, 2025).

4. Attached as Exhibit C is what I believe to be a true and correct copy of HHS's 1998 notice establishing its revised policy on the PRWORA of 1996, submitted for publication in the Federal Register and its 30-day comment period, obtained by the United States Attorney's Office from Federal Register website, at <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-1998-08-04/pdf/98-20491.pdf> (last accessed July 23, 2025).

5. Attached as Exhibit D is what I believe to be a true and correct copy of the Final Regulatory Impact Analysis, Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, and Unfunded Mandates Reform Act Analysis at <https://headstart.gov/policy/pi/acf-pi-hs-18-04> (last accessed July 23, 2025).

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

s/ Kristin B. Johnson

Assistant United States Attorney